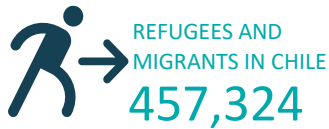


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Situation

- The situation of refugees and migrants who use unofficial border points to enter the country continues to be a concern in the northern regions of Chile. According to the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, between January and November 2020, **13,656 people entered the country** through unauthorized border points, out of which **10,213 people are Venezuelan**.
- A study carried out by SENCE (labour laboratory) confirmed that Venezuelans were established as the foreigners with the **highest workforce participation in Chile**. The average age of these workers is 36.3 years; total years in school 13.8 years on average; and their net income is around the USD 533,748. Regarding their contractual relations, 72 per cent are working in the private sector, 15 per cent are self-employed and 5 per cent are domestic workers.
- Pfizer BioTech's COVID-19 vaccine arrived in Chile with 10,000 doses of a 10 million order allowing the start of Chile's vaccination programs. **The authorities aim to inoculate 80 per cent of Chile's population of 19 million** by the first semester of 2021.
- After the approval of the Law by the Mixed Commission of Congress in the beginning of December, some political parties filed an appeal before the Constitutional Court to request a review regarding 14 articles of the bill.

Response

- Partners continued monitoring the situation of refugees and migrants in Tarapacá Region and assessing their immediate needs, as the flows continued to increase around the border with Bolivia during the month. Also, in coordination **with the Ministry of Health, partners provided hygiene kits for refugees and migrants hosted in transitory quarantine shelters (residencias sanitarias)** of Iquique.
- In order to strengthen the work of Support Spaces in Chile, R4V partners **delivered masks, alcoholic gel dispensers, thermometers** and posters with relevant information on sanitary measures to **14 Support Spaces in Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta and Santiago**.
- Other assistance during the reporting period included the distribution of **tablets, cases and headsets to facilitate access of refugee and migrant children to education**. Moreover, over the festive period **partners delivered 200 gifts for children and 150 food boxes** along with the organization "Red de Apoyo Solidario", a Venezuelan organization which works to provide support to families in vulnerable conditions.
- Regarding coordination meetings, R4V partners held a **virtual meeting in which lawyers from various Legal Clinics in Chile** as well as NGOs and representatives of migrant and refugee organizations in the country exchanged experiences related to the defense of the rights of refugees and migrants.
- The National Platform met to discuss the results of the 2020 response and the upcoming challenges, proposed goals and work plan for 2021.

